

3. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gripping element is movable radially outwardly from said body to engage an inside wall of said tubular.
4. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body is connectable to a rotor of said top drive in order to rotate said apparatus.
5. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a sealing packer for engagement with said tubular.
6. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said sealing packer can be activated by the hydraulic or pneumatic fluid.
7. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body is provided with a passage therethrough to allow excess fluid in said tubular to escape therefrom.
9. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a support connectable to a stator of said top drive.
10. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said support is carried by one or more compensating pistons connectable to said top drive.
11. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said compensating pistons are pneumatically operable and are adjustable to compensate for different weights of the tubular.
12. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed claim 1, wherein an upper part of said body comprises a splined recess into which a splined connecting member may be located.

13. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said support is disposed about an upper part of said body having one or more bearings arranged therebetween to allow said body to rotate with respect to said support.

14. (Cancel) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a rotary transmission to allow hydraulic or pneumatic fluid to pass through said body.

15. An apparatus for connecting tubulars using a top drive, comprising:  
a body connectable to said top drive;  
at least one gripping element radially displaceable to drivingly engage a tubular to permit a screw connection between said tubular and a further tubular to be tightened to a required torque; and  
a sealing packer to inhibit, in use, fluid in said tubular from escaping therefrom.

16. The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein said sealing packer can be actuated by hydraulic or pneumatic fluid.

26. An apparatus for connecting tubulars, comprising:  
a top drive;  
a body connectable to the top drive; and  
at least one recess disposed about an outer surface of the body, wherein each recess comprises a gripping element,  
wherein the gripping element is radially displaceable by hydraulic or pneumatic fluid to engage a first tubular.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the gripping element transfers rotational torque from the top drive to permit a screw connection between the first tubular and a second tubular.

28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the screw connection is tightened to a prescribed moment.